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# Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB)

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#### **Current Situation**

- Public funds for transportation are insufficient
- Private funding is limited
- Credit is becoming essential
  - State restricted by debt capacity
  - Federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan program is oversubscribed
  - State's federally chartered State Infrastructure Bank is small
  - Virginia Toll Facilities Revolving Account has modest resources

# Transportation Infrastructure Infrastructure and Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA)

- Can provide up to one third of costs
- 30 Year loans with a 4.6% interest rate
- It is estimated that for every \$1 in TIFIA loan, it leverages \$10 in credit assistance and \$30 in loan assistance
- I495 Beltway HOT Lanes project has a TIFIA loan
- TIFIA applications currently pending for I95/395 HOT Lanes,
   Midtown Tunnel, and Dominion Boulevard
- Applications for TIFIA far exceed available funds

#### **Proposed - VTIB**

- Amend Code to establish Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB)
- Capitalized solely with state funds
- Not subject to federal regulations
  - Reduces project costs
  - More timely project delivery
- Similar to Literary Fund and Virginia Resources Authority Loans

#### **Function - VTIB**

- Low interest loans with maturity date of 20-30 years
- Direct loans to localities, governmental entities and authorities, railroads, transit companies, and private sector companies
- Construction and capital maintenance of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure and transit systems

## **Funding - VTIB**

- Initial Funding
  - Proceeds from privatization of ABC stores
- Additional funding
  - Year-end General Revenues formula driven
  - Appropriations of the General Assembly
  - Possible dedicated revenue streams
- Repaying Loans
  - Tolls, user fees, other dedicated revenue (special assessments, tax increment financing), local taxes and fees

#### **Eligibility - VTIB**

- Project Selection
  - Dependent on quality of application
  - Application process to be developed
  - Application criteria creditworthiness, regional or statewide significance, economic benefits, availability of dedicated revenue sources, identified in State or regionally planning process
- Projects
  - Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of any interstate, state highway, toll road, tunnel, local road, or bridge within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth
  - Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, replacement, or acquisition of any transit and passenger or freight rail facility or vehicle
  - Port Facilities

#### **Grants - VTIB**

- Counties, cities, and towns may apply for grants
- Limited use
  - Not repaid no revolving funds
- Projects of local and regional significance
  - Rural projects will be given priority
- Economic benefit beyond job creation during construction

## **Leveraging - VTIB**

- Interest subsidies
- Subsidies for PPTA projects
- Direct loans
- Diversified loan portfolio
- Credit enhancement
- Leverage in capital markets
- Bond issuance
- Sum sufficiency

## **Project Savings**

Financing \$100 million with Private Activity Bonds priced to yield 7%\* would incur interest costs of approximately \$140 million, assuming a term of 20 years with annual payments and bullet principal payments at maturity.

State Infrastructure Bank Loan Alternatives		
SIB Interest Rate	Interest Cost with SIB	Potential Project Savings
6%	\$120 Million	\$20 Million
5%	\$100 Million	\$40 Million
4%	\$80 Million	\$60 Million
3%	\$60 Million	\$80 Million
2%	\$40 Million	\$100 Million

<sup>\*</sup>Based on last major toll road financing, Texas Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation Corporation (LBJ/IH-635), June 2010, Private Activity Bonds priced to yield 7-7.25%

#### **Benefits - VTIB**

- Provides financing to projects of any size
- Revolving nature
  - Projects completed loans repaid funds lent for other projects
- Leverage federal and other State resources
- Attract public and private investment in transportation
- Will not implicate the state's creditworthiness

## **Questions?**